

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2043 - HB 1972

April 19, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all transfers of real property before January 1, 2005 to be effective on the date of execution and acknowledgement of the deed, for the purposes of TennCare eligibility. Any transfer of real property occurring after January 1, 2005 would be effective upon the date of registration of the deed for such property.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Prohibits the Bureau of TennCare from recovering expenditures exceeding \$5,000,000 which includes \$1,800,000 in state funds and \$3,200,000 in federal matching funds. Federal law requires Medicaid agencies to attempt recovery for services provided; therefore, this bill could lead to a significant decrease in federal matching funds.

Assumptions:

- The provisions of this bill would render TennCare unable to recover costs it currently may recover from the estate of an insured following their death.
- Total recoveries by TennCare were \$11,100,000 in 2004.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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